26 January 1919

Sunday

Dearest

I have just had another talk with Budge who is going back.

The way Beatrice Marks is the name of the h. parlourmaid, - Alice Osgood is the cook, 22, & 23 or 4, are their ages. They have been in places together for some year, & the has known them & their families all her life, & they are very respectable. She is sure that they will take the place, as this just what they want.

I scrawl this, as you may like further details. They will write tomorrow without fail. They would rather come at once & want a walk the thurs as you like.

Yr B.

about 28th Jan 1919

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Dearest,

Will you give me your opinion as to which of these papers to have, if either, for our book. Could you let me know as soon as possible, as I have kept them waiting. Also would you send them back before Sunday, as I want to show them

Eliot.

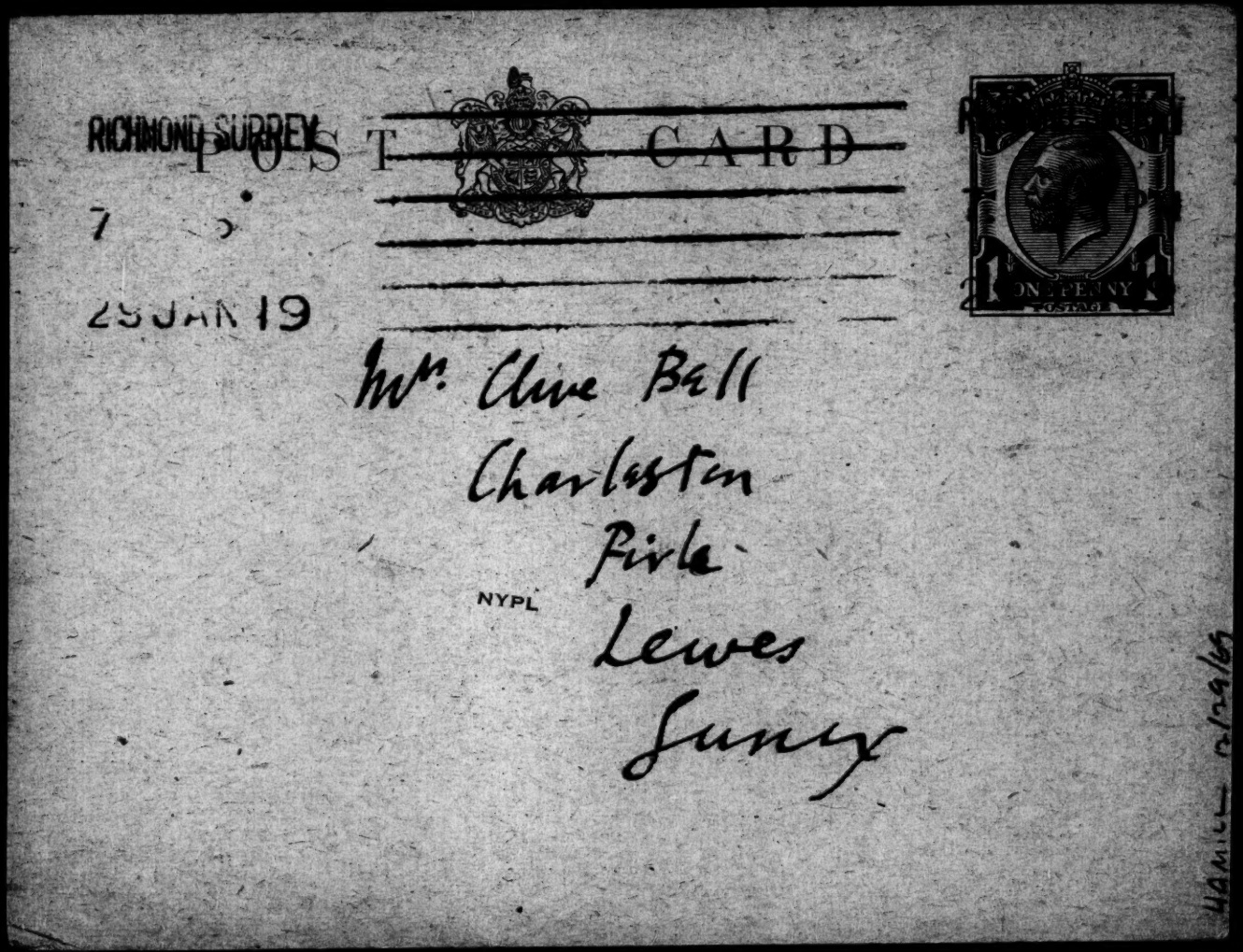
I'm appalled at your disasters which I learn from Duncan's

letter. thank him very much
for writing. I say I should
be grateful for further
news. also about
Budgie's friends.
I'm in a hurry now
but I will write later.

B.

NYPL

HANLEY 12/29/69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Karmi has not got diphtheria.
It came from her ears, & is
better.
James has got influenza.
Ka has narrowly escaped
bronchitis.
Peter Studd is dead.
I have put on 2½ lbs:
Julian Huxley is engaged to
Juliette (2)

V.W.

Hogarth.

Dear Art,

On thinking over the play, I rather doubt that it's worth going on with. It seemed to me, when I read it last night, that it's so much of a burlesque, - really rather too thin a plot to be worth getting people together at infinite trouble to act. I could write something much better, if I gave up a little more time to it: & I foresee that the whole affair will be much more of an undertaking than I thought. # I don't think this is vanity on my part: so I shant take any more common sense. further steps till I hear from you. I am willing to abide by any decision that you, Duncan, & Adrian, come to to-getter. But I think it ought to be considered carefully before we start.

My own feeling is, as I say, that it's not enough of a play to be worth spending a time over. And I can swear on my knees that I shant care a straw - in fact be rather relieved - if you, Duncan, & Adrian agree. Was I asked to dinner next Monday? If so, I should like to come. V.W.

1 Feb 1909

Hogarth

Saturday.

Dearest,

I'm writing before getting an answer to my telegram, as if I don't I shall miss the post. Nelly herself suggested going to you, as she can manage such well for a week or 10 days, with Lottie, as we have done before. I've made vain attempts to get a temporary this morning. I telephoned to Mr. Hunt, & Nelly went to the registry here, but there seems no one to be had. I've just heard from Faith that she can hear of no one either. But if Nelly is with you for a week, I daresay I could find one meanwhile. She seems to think she could get one at Brighton or Eastbourne by going herself, any how it's quite impossible for you to go on like this. My other suggestion, which is Leonard's also, is this. If after Nelly's been with you for 10 days, you can't get anyone & the baby's better, why don't you, Duncan, & the baby, go over to Athelham, where Mrs. Beall could do for you; & surely Mrs. B: & the children could manage with the cook at Chorleston. Mrs. Beall is rather a good cook, & a very nice woman. You could stay as long as you wanted. There is plenty of coal, & Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Altfud, & the Woolers all able to come in by the day if wanted.

I would go down a day or two beforehand, as I've been meaning to, & see that everything was warm & ready for you, & order in supplies. How do think of this. Or is there any chance that you & the baby would come here? Nelly & Lottie would love helping to look after it, Ferguson is round the corner, & has the best Dr. I've ever had, & we could provide you a certain amount of comfort anyhow. The room is there empty, & if Duncan came to London at the same time the more he was here the better. I suppose it all depends how the baby is. Of course you could inherit our Amy Boyce & others for yourself if you were here, which would be more satisfactory. I can know no light upon Bridge & her doings. The way so positive to me that I thought there could be no doubt this time. According to her, the girls actually asked her to get them the place. But it's no good going into that. Amy Boyce is the name; Coomba Brook Coomba Lane, Kingston Hill Surrey. I am writing to her to ask her to let me know if she knows of any temporaries whom I could see; she said she knew a good many girls around here. I feel very strongly that it is perfect madness for you to be embroiled in all this when you're just out of bed; but there's no good saying that. I hope to goodness the baby is better — but my God, what a time you've had!

Nellys been extraordinarily nice, & says she would do anything to help you, so do make any use of her you can. I've just raised their wages, & they're both overflowing with good will.

YB.

I am quite well again. & went to London without being tired yesterday. I only got your letter this morning, or I could have gone to Mrs. Lucas.